BATTLE SHARPLY. EXTREME UTTERANCES AT SUNDAY'S MEETINGS NO PRIESTS PRESENT-MURDER AS A LAST

RESORT-MR. GLADSTONE'S NEW ISSUE AGAINST THE MINISTRY-MR.CHAM-BERLAIN'S PLAIN WORDS-MR. BRIGHT SERIOUSLY ILL-PRAISE FOR GENERAL SHERIDAN.

IBY CABLE TO THE TRIBUNE.

Copyright : 1885 : By The New York Tribune. LONDON, May 29.—The issue between the Pope and the Nationalist leaders has now been drawn as sharply as it well could be. Sunday's meetings at Kildare, Limerick, Bray, Waterford and elseathed one and all a spirit of defiance. Dillon, Mr. O'Brien, Mr. Healy and Mr. Davitt spoke, all attacked the Bishop of Limerick, nd all agreed that the Plan of Campaign and Boycotting must be persevered with. Mr. Dillon wed a text from Jefferson Davis and appealed to Rome to let Ireland alone. Mr. O'Brien, as usual the most fiery of all, proclaimed the Bishop's etter the most disgraceful that ever came from the pen of an Irish ecclesiastic, full of calumny, intimilation, libels and falsehoods. He gloried in the Plan of Campaign and Boycotting. "I want," oried Mr. O'Brien, "no lectures in fidelity to the Holy Futher from Lord Emly or from the rest of the silken, canting Catholic rackrenters who are yelping with joy in Dr. O'Dwyer's trail to-day. Little the faith of Ireland owes to their fathers or to their fathers' sons; and little it owes to the ecclesiastics who instead of taking part with the suffering people dangle about the drawing-rooms of the great!" Mr. Healy went a step further and charged the Pope himself with boycotting. Mr. Davitt went furthest of all, denying the authority of the Pope over laymen outside of doctrinal mat-"I never." said Mr. Davitt, "intended for one moment to obey the rescript myself, and I lay Nationalist Catholics in Ireland. We owe it to Ireland and to our Protestant countrymen to protest and to withstand political dictation. We are not going to exchange the servitude of Westminster for that of the Inquisition, or the coercion

If these bold counsels be followed, but one conclusion is possible. The National League, already hard pressed by Mr. Balfour, is about to enter on a life or death struggle with the Pope. Two things, meanwhile, are noticeable in these Sunday demonstrations. First, no priest was sent at any of them. Second, both Mr. Dillon and Mr. O'Brien regard murder as the tenant's only resource if the Plan of Campaign and Boycotting be suppressed. Mr. Dillon more cautiously referred to murder in the past. Mr. O'Brien said this: "They are the only weapons of a wronged and disarmed people. If you strip the Irish people of these weapons, I defy any practical man who knows Ireland to point out to us what other resource except murder would left to save tens of thousands of Irish tenants from the horrors of eviction."

of Mr. Balfour for that of Dr. O'Dwyer."

Once more Mr. Gladstone thinks that he sees a chance of shaking this Ministry on a side-issue Accepting Southampton as a victory won on the licensing question, he takes that question as the basis of his next attack in the House of Commons and in the country. He failed to break up the Tory-Unionist alliance on the Budget, and he expects to fail again; but with each successive attack he believes that he will make an impression on the public. The Ministry, no doubt, are perplexed by this licensing business. Their hope of squaring the Temperance party by offering them local option has been disappointed. They would like to drop these licensing clauses, but What Mr. Gladstone hopes is to reduce the majority by which they will be carried.

Mr. Chamberlain, however, has come to the rescue. His speech yesterday at Birmingham is a perfectly explicit declaration of confidence in the present Ministry. Not only with reference to Ireland, but on other subjects, they come nearer to adopting his views than any Ministry that he has ever known. He is even able to remind Mr. Gladstone that Lord Salisbury has accepted certain radical proposals which Mr. Gladstone himself three years since rejected. He restates with his usual lucid energy his own views about Ireland and Irish policy, discusses briefly the programme which he or his friends have again lately put forward, and challenges the Gladstonians to produce a better, if they do not like his, "Remove agrarian difficulty," says Mr. Chamberlain, give State aid for internal improvements, and then, when discontent has disappeared, enlarge Beyond that their local government powers." he will not go.

Mr. Bright's illness is, I fear, serious. The earliest reports described it as a feverish cold. To-day's accounts speak of congestion of the lungs. Nothing could be more dangerous to a man of Mr. physique and age. He seems to have exposed himself to cold on a night journey last week. Until Sunday he expected to speak yesterday at Birmingham. This afternoon's reports are comparatively favorable. "No worse" is the substance of the doctor's bulletin.

The chief Conservative organ publishes to-day an article on General Sheridan, which is both heartily eulogistic and a singularly accurate summary of his services and career. "The Standard" recognizes his determination, readiness of device, personal courage, sympathetic power, strategic bility and brilliancy. This last, in the writer's view, was his leading characteristic. Justice is done, also, to those solid qualities which, as was said of Hannibal, from the very first drew the eyes of the whole army upon him, and secured to him to the end the confidence of the country.

There is probably no subject on which Englishmen are more deeply religious than cricket. Their religion has latterly assumed the form of earnest prayer to be saved from overthrow by the Australian team, who, till last week, carried all before them. But last week Lancashire, with fate and a greasy wicket to help them, stayed the Australian march. This week the Gentlemen of England have come to the rescue. Dr. Grace, their champion, has rolled up a score of 165 against all the demon bowling Australia could produce. Lord's was the scene of such excitement vesterday and to-day as rarely is witnessed even on the cricket ground or in the Salvation Army barracks. The score of 400, for which the Gentlemen terminated their innings, against the 179 of the Australians, will long be memorable.

G. W. S. BEARDING THE BRITISH LION

PRANCE SEIZES AN ENGLISH ISLAND ALMOST AT THE MUZZLE OF ENGLISH GUNS. London, May 29 .- A French gunboat has hoisted the tricolor on Maitre Ile, the largest of the Minquieres group, between the Island of Jersey and Brittany. Maitre He has hitherto been recognized as a part of the Channel Islands and Lord Salisbury will maintain England's claims to its

ICE IN THE GULF OF ST. LAWRENCE. Toronto, May 29 .- Sixty salling vessels and several steamers are reported in the ice in the Gulf of St.

COUNT KALNOKY EXPLAINS

Vienna, May 29.—Count Kalnohy to-day received M. Decrais, the French Ambassador, and gave him an explanation of Herr Tisza's speech which it is hoved

though they say he will not be able to leave his bed for some time

THE RUSSIAN ADVANCE TOWARD INDIA. OPENING OF THE TRANS-CASPIAN RAILWAY-ITS IMPORTANCE.

St. Petersburg, May 29.-The "Svet" publishes an article on the opening of the Trans-Caspian Railway which says that no sensible Russian regards this rail-way as a means for the conquest of India. On the contrary, the writer thinks that it will lead to a definite and pacific arrangement between England and Russia for the formation of a complete international railway system, and that communication with Central Asia and India would be attended with great advantages to Russian trade. General Vanouski, Minister of War received a telegram from the Governor of Turkestan stating that an immense concourse of Russians and natives had assembled at Samarcand to witness the opening of the railway, and that the event was regarded as the beginning of a new era of peace, promising the development of agriculture throughout the provinces. It was taken as a fresh evidence of the Czar's solicitude for the needs and welfare of the people in Central

DOMINION CABINET CHANGES.

SIR CHARLES TUPPER'S SON MADE MINISTER OF MARINE AND FISHERIES. Ottawa, May 29 .- Colonel Tupper, M. P. for Pictou, N. S., and son of Sir Charles Tupper, M. P. for Picton, N. S., and son of Sir Charles Tupper, has been appointed Minister of Marine and Fisherles, in place of Mr. Foster, who has been appointed Minister of Finance. Mr. Tupper is probably the youngest man who ever sat in the Dominion Cabinet.

THE EMPEROR HAS A CHILL. TAKEN SUDDENLY WHILE WALKING IN THE PARK

-HASTENING TO BED. May 29 .- A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph Company from Berlin says that the Emperor was taken with a sudden chill while walking in the park this afternoon. He immediately returned to the palace and wont to bed. The report is not confirmed from Berlin.

DERBY DAY IN ENGLAND. GROBASSE STARTERS AND THEIR JOCKE YS-AYR-

SHIRE THE FAVORITE. London, May 29 .- The probable starters and their jockeys in the race for the Derby Stakes at Epsom to-morrow are as follows; The Duke of Portland's bay colt Ayrshire (Barrett); Mr. Vyner's chestnut colt Crowberry (Osborne); the Duke of St. Albans's bay colt Galore (Webb); the Duke of Westminster's chestnut colt Orbit; A. Taylor's chestnut colt Nether Avon (Clemenson); Mr. Ernest's chestnut colt Van Dieman's Land (Watts); Lord Bradford's bay colt Chillington (Wall); R. H. Combo's brown colt Simon Pure (Rickaby) and the Duke of Westminster's bay colt Dornoch

The betting to-night is as fellows: Even money on Ayrshire; 9 to 2 against Crowberry; 6 to 1 against Galore; 7 to 1 against Orbit; 25 to 1 against Nether Avon; 40 to 1 against Van Dieman's Land; 100 to 1 each against Chillington, Simon Pure and Dornoch.

DALY'S COMPANY IN STAMING OF THE SHREW." London, May 29 .- Daly's company produced "The Taming of the Shrew" this evening before a brilliant and enthusiastic house. Miss Reban was especially applauded.

DUBIAN CITY AND COUNTY PROCLAIMED. Dublin, May 29.—The county and city of Dublin have been proclaimed under the first section of the Crimes act.

LEPROSY IN RUSSIA.

St. Petersburg, May 29.-Leprosy is spreading at a dreadful rate in Russia. Thirty cases have been officially reported in Darpat alone. DOM PEDRO GREATLY PROSTRATED.

Milan, May 29.—The condition of the Emperor of Brazil is not encouraging. He is greatly prostrated and his departure from Milan has again been post-

IRISH BISHOPS SUMMONED TO MEET. Dublin, May 29.-It is stated in Catholic circles that the Irish Bishops have been summoned to meet immediately for the consideration of their attitude ward the Papal rescript.

FIFTEEN FAMILIES HOMELESS.

SEVERAL PERSONS HURT, TWO FATALLY. SHOPS AND DWELLINGS BURNED IN DANBURY,

CONN. Danbury, Conn., May 29 .- Henry Perry's block, consisting of several four-story brick dwellings and stores, and the Griffin block of six three-story and there were ten dwellings burned, beside upward of eighteen shops and other buildings. The fire left fifteen or more families temporarily homeless, destroving their household furniture and effects, valued at \$15,000. Mrs. Mary Sherwood and daughter were occupants of the top floor of one of the houses and were awakened by the fire, but not until all means of escape by the stairs was cut off. They climbed out of the window, and hung by their hands to the sill until they could hold no longer, when they dropped. It is feared that one if not both will die from their injuries. An explosion of gas took place in front of a store, seriously injuring two men. Charles B. Rensall was severely hurt by a large piece of plate glass falling on him. The loss is \$31,000, on which there is an insurance of only \$12,350.

WOMEN RESCUED FROM THE FLAMES. PANIC IN A CROWDED TENEMENT-HOUSE-RES-CUED BY FIREMEN.

Painters accidentally set fire to the tenement-house No. 123 Norfolk-st. at 7:30 a. m. yesterday. A number of Hebrew families crowded the five-story building, but most of the men were away at work at Women and children to the number of nearly 100 were in their rooms, and the younger children were in bed. The flames spread along the stairs in the middle of the house, cutting off escape that There was a panic when the police and firemen responded to the alarm of fire. Women and children were at the windows and on the fire-escapes, screaming for help. Policemen Gallagher and Ryan, of the Eldridge-st. squad, and Firemen Thomas Ahearn, William J. Martin, Michael H. Slevin and David Bradley performed good work in helping the women down the fire-escapes. The rescues were exciting, but no-body was obliged to jump into the life-nets, and all the immates got out unhurt, with the loss of most of their furniture and clothing, amounting to about \$5,000, or less than \$300 a family.

Morris Getz, of No. 115 Second-ave., owns the building, which can be repaired for about \$6,000. The editors of the "Amerikal Nemzetor," a Hungarian The editors of the "Amerikai Nemzetor," a Hungarian newspaper; Magyai Nysibray, a dealer in Hungarian literature, and Julian Rubottz, a grocer, had rooms on the first floor, and lost about \$1,000 among them by water. The Magyai larsulat, an association of Hungarians, lost furniture worth \$100 in the club-room on the second floor. All the property except that in the newspaper office was said to be insured.

A FALSE ALARM AT THE HOTEL ST. DENIS. "Always be certain that there is a fire before you send in an alarm," is printed in big black letters on every fire alarm box, but few people, when they see a little smoke, take this sound advice. Some careless person sounded an alarm yesterday because he saw a mass of smoke pouring from the chimney of the Hotel St. Denis. But it was partially excusable because there was so much, of it. Of course there was any amount of excitement, messenger boys and inquisitive old women hurried after the engines and ladder trucks. The only result, however, was disappointment to the women, undue and perhaps fatal activity on the part of the messengers, and a cost to the city of \$250.

RHODE ISLAND LEGISLATURE ORGANIZED. Newport, May 29 .- Election Day turned out pleasant. At 10 o'clock the procession formed, made up of the Newport Artillery and Light Intentry, and escorted Governor Dairs, his staff and members of the General Assembly from their headquarters to the State House, where the two bodies repaired to their respective chambers for organization. The Senate organized with the choice of Eugene F. Warner as clerk. The House elected George H. Utter speaker, William H. Sweetland reading clerk and Thomas C. Lee recording clerk A joint committee was then appointed to count the votes for general officers and both bodies adjourned till afternoo.

The General Assembly met at & p. m., when the Governor and other general State officers were sworn in, and then the result of the election was announced from the balcony of the State House in time-honored

VIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT OF THE LIQUOR LAW Philadelphia, May 29 (Special).-Director of Public Safety Stokley this afternoon issued stringent orders to the Police Department in reference to the taverns London, May 20.—Mr. Bright was better this even-ing. His doctors are confident of his recovery, al-

police, to prevent all disgraceful manifestations and drunken orgies or riotous conduct of any description.

SUICIDE OF A RICH MAN'S SON.

A BOWIE KNIFE THRUST IN HIS BREAST. SAD NEWS OF DISGRACE FOR HIS HOME IN OHIO

LIQUOR AND A WOMAN IN THE CASE. Charles E. Gehring, jr., a brewer of No. 74 Mc Lean-st., Cleveland, Ohio, committed suicide in this city yesterday. He arrived on Saturday and at the Grand Central Station was met by a young woman who accompanied him to the International Hotel in They were registered at the hotel as "John Harvey and wife, Sandusky, Ohio." Gehring had liquors sent to the room which he and the young woman occupied, and he drank heavily. Soon after noon yesterday the woman ran downstairs the hotel office and called Clerk Reynolds to the room. Reynolds found Gehring on the bed bleeding from a wound in the left breast. A bowie knife, with which the wound had been inflicted, lay on the floor

when carried to the Chambers Street Hospital. his pockets were papers and cards which told his correct name and address. He also had a fine gold watch, but only a small sum of money. After the surgeons had given some medicine to him at the hospital he was able to speak and said the wound in breast was self-inflicted. He did not explain why he wished to kill himself. The long blade of the knife had been driven close to his heart and it was not possible to save his life. He died about 2

picion, was taken before Coroner Nugent and made a statement under oath. She said that Gebring was a married man, thirty-three years of age, and the son of a wealthy brower in Cleveland. He also was a prominent member of the Masonic fraternity and a corporal in the militia regiment known as the Clevecorporal in the militia regiment known as the Cleveland Grays. Two years ago she became acquainted
with Gebring while she was employed at Orth's
jewelry store in Cleveland. About a year ago she
returned to her home in England. Letters passed
between her and Gebring and he promised to meet
her when she returned to this city two weeks ago.
Yesterday morning Gebring was sick from the effects
of liquor and she procured some medicine for him.
Soon after noon she left him in the room at the hotel
and went to the post office. Upon her return to the
room she found Gebring in bed, bleeding from his
wound. He said nothing to her, but she knew he
must have stabbed himself. Coroner Nugent was
satisfied with the woman's story and discharged her.

AFTER SOUTH AMERICAN TRADE.

PRENCH CAPITALISTS PUT ON TWO NEW STRAMERS TO BUENOS AYRES-FINDING A PROFITABLE MARKET FOR MANUFACTURED GOODS.

Buenos Ayres, May 5.-If Postmaster-General Vilafor sending American mails upon American steam vessels, the United States might have secured an in portant trade in Buenos Ayres, . which the French people have practically secured control of. The world is an important one to every shipowner, and with the facilities and aid which the French Government extends to its shipping interests it is not surprising that a large and profitable business has been developed between the Port of Marseilles and Buenos Ayres. The French people recognized that there was a demand for increased facilities with the La Plata Valley, and recently two new mouthly lines. in addition to three regular lines previously existing. and running to Eucnos Ayres and Montevideo from Marseilles, were established. This gives seven de-partures a month from France for the Argentine Re-

The smallest of these steamers recently landed here 1,150 immigrants, nearly all of them Italians, and all of the steamers are bringing full cargoes of freight, which consists largely of goods of French manufacture. These vessels take back with them dressed beef, muston, veal and game which are sold to the butchers of Havre, Rouen, Paris and other principal cities in France. England is now seriously considering adding more lines to the Argentine and purchasing her dressed meats here rather than from the United States. The process of preparing the meats for shipment includes nothing new or mysterious. Whole carcasses of sheep and calves, and half carcasses of cattle are hung in dry air chambers reduced to a temperature of twenty-five or thirty (Centigrade) below the freezing point, or about twenty two degrees below zero Fahrenheit, until the entire meat is frozen solid, and the gerbis of putrification, if any exist, are completely chilled. The meat being once frozen it is only necessary to keep it in a temperature sufficiently cold to prevent thawing during perature sumicingly could be refriserator compartments on shipboard are made of double walls of wooden plank-ing filled in with pulveitzed charcoal, and are kept cold by a refrigerating fan worked by a small engine. There are other markets in the Argentine States that are exceedingly promising, and foreigners are work-ing them up with intelligence and foresight, but the Entited States is behind.

POSTMISTRESS BERARD MUST GO. WEST POINTERS ANGRY-HER FATHER WAS SHERI-

DAN'S TUTOR. Poughkeepsie, May 29 .- There is much feeling at West Point over the nomination by the President of George Mecklem to succeed Miss Blanche Berard, as postmaster of that place. Miss Berard first received the news this morning. "Why," she exclaimed, "I never expected this. I have all along been assured "Why," she exclaimed, "I

from Washington that I would be my own successor." Miss Berard is a maiden lady upward of sixty years of age, and the postoffice has always been her home from childhood, and has been in the family over half a century. She is personally known to every leading Army officer in the United States, and among her stanchest friends were General Winfield Scott, General McClellan, General Grant, General Hancock General Burnside, General Pope, General Patrick, General Butler. Her father was General Sheridan's

This morning Miss Berard had an interview General Parke, Superintendent of the Post, in relation she would start for Washington on an early evening train. George Mecklem is an entire stranger at West Point No one there knows him and he is a citizen of New

JOHN WANAMAKER'S GIFT TO U. S. GRANT POST Philadelphia, May 29 (Special).—John Wanamaker sent to New-York to-day a floral design which surpasses anything of its kind ever prepared. It is to be placed at General Grant's tomb to-morrow, and is forwarded under the auspices of General George G. Meade Post, of this city, to General Grant Post, of Brooklyn, who will place it in its position. It is seven feet high, made of immortelles, and surmounted by a large eagle and two crossed flags. The entire centre of the design is taken up by the letter "G," over the top of which appear the words, "Our Com-rade," and beneath the name "U. S. Grani." The base is set off by a large star, and the whole is appro-priately framed in grasses and flowers.

NO TRACE OF THE TELEGRAPH OPERATOR. Oswego, N. Y., May 29 .- No trace has yet been found of Charles Robinson, the telegraph operator at New-Haven, N. Y., who left a friend's house to go to his own home on Friday night and has not since been seen. His accounts with the railroad company are correct, and no explanation can be given for his strange disap-pearance. Exploring parties have carefully searched the surrounding country, and telegrams have been sent to all parts of the State. A tramp was seen in the neighborhood at about the hour of Robinson's disap-pearance, and suspicions of foul play are entertained.

CONGREGATIONALISTS IN ANNUAL COUNCIL. Boston, May 29.—The annual meeting of the American Congregational Association was held here to-day. Certain changes in the constitution and by-laws were adopted, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Rufus S. Frost, Chelsea; librarian, William H. Cobb, Boston; treasurer, C. C. Burr, Auburndale; secretary, the Rev. Dr. Morton Dexter, Boston; auditor, Alonzo C. Tenney, Chelsea; board of directors, the Rev. Alonzo H. Quint, the Rev. Henry M. Dexter, the Rev. N. G. Clark, Frank Wood, M. F. Dickinson, Edward A. Studley and twelve

TWO MEN KILLED IN A DYNAMITE EXPLOSION. Lewes, Del., May 29.—By an accidental explosion of dynamite, Theo. Martin and Kendall Palmer, workmen engaged in destroying the old railroad pier at this place, were blown to at ims. W. H. Virden, the contractor, and Burton West, a workman, were severely injured.

DELE GATES FROM ALLEGHENY COUNTY.

Pittsburg, May 29.-The Allegheny County Republican Conventions to-day chose as National delegates: XXIII District, Christopher L. Magoe and William Flynn; XXIIId District, Thomas M. Bayne and Peter Walten.

MR. BLAINE ENDS ALL DOUBT.

HE CANNOT ACCEPT A NOMINATION.

HIS DECISION ABSOLUTE AND FINAL-HE THINKS THE ISSUE OF PROTECTION STRONGER THAN ANY CANDIDATE, AND IS CONFIDENT OF REPUBLICAN TRIUMPH.

Paris, May 17, '88.

Whitelaw Reid, Esq., Editor N. Y. Tribune. My Dear Sir:

Since my return to Paris from Southern Italy on the 8th inst. I have learned (what I did not before believe) that my name may yet be presented to the National Convention as a candidate for the Presidential nomination of the Republican party. A single phrase of my letter of January 25 from Florence (-which was decisive of everything I had many of my most valued friends as not absolutely conclusive in ultimate and possible contingencies. On the other hand friends equally devoted and disbe construed) to be an unconditional withholding have in consequence given their support to eminent gentlemen who are candidates for the Chicago nomination. -some of whom would not. I am sure have consented to assume that position, if I had desired to represent the party in the Presidential contest of 1888. If I should now, by speech or by silence, by

commission or omission, permit my name, in any event, to come before the Convention I should incur the repreach of being uncardid with those who have always been candid with me. I speak, thereful attitude. I am not willing to be the cause of misleading a single man among the millions who have given me their suffrages and their confidence. I am not willing that even one of my faithful supporters in the past should think me capable of paltering in a double sense with my words. Assuming that the Presidential nomination could by any possible chance be offered to me, I could not accept at without leaving in the minds of thousands of these men the impression that I had not been free from indirection, and therefore I could not ac cept it at all. The misrepresentations of malice have no weight, but the just displeasure of friends I could not patiently endure.

Republican victory, the prospects of which grow brighter every day, can be imperilled only by lack men. The issue of Protection is incalculably stronger and greater than any man, for it contions yet to come. Were it possible for every voter of the Republic to see for himself the condition and recompense of labor in Europe, the party of Free Trade in the United States would not receive the support of one wage-worker between the two oceans. It may not be directly in our power as philanthropists to elevate the European laborer, ship if we permit the American laborer to be forced down to the European level. And in the end the rewards of labor everywhere will be advanced if we steadily refuse to lower the standard at home. JAMES G. BLAINE. Yours very sincerely,

GENERAL SHERIDAN SLOWLY IMPROVING. CROSS HUMOR AND STRONG LANGUAGE REGARD. INY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.]

WASHINGTON, May 29 .- " He is as cross as a bear, and uses bad language because we don't give him the papers to read," was what one of the attendants on General Sheridan said to-day. The fact that the General is getting cross is considered by everybody as the best sign possible and as an Indication that he will recover. A steady improvement was noted during the day. The General took nourishment in plenty with good effect. The oxygen treatment has been abandoned and the doses of digitalis reduced.

In the morning he was changed from his bed to a lounge and an alcoholic bath was given to him. He chatted pleasantly with those around him, and frequently fell into natural and refreshing slumbers.

The following bulletin was issued at half past 8 o'clock to-night:

General Sheridan's condition to-day has been satisfac-tory. His pulse, respiration, vigor of mind and body have improved. His sleep has been more normal and restful, and his natural functions are nearer the line of health.

R. M. O'REILLY. W. MATTHEWS. H. C. YARROW CHAS. B. BYRNE. At a late hour he was resting easily and com-fortably, and two of the doctors in attendance upon him left the house to seek some needed rest. The family are in the most hopeful mood.

SUICIDE OF A HUNIED MURDERER. BESIEGED IN HIS OWN HOUSE, HE SHOOTS HIM-

SELF THROUGH THE BREAST. Republican City, Neb., May 29 (Special) .- " Dan' Ridge ended his life here yesterday in a dramatic manner. On Friday Daniel Willford was murdered at Vinton, Iowa. Ridge was known to have been in Vinton at the time, and immediately after the murder disappeared. On Sunday Ridge ar rived at his home. He apparently knew that the Iowa officers were on his track, for he immediately went to his house, taking with him a rifle, a brace of revolvers and plenty of ammunition. Scarcely had Ridge closed the door of his house when three Iowa officers made their appearance. They kept a close watch on the house but did not approach it. Early this forenoon a shot was heard coming from within, followed by groans as of a dying man. The door was broken open and Ridge was found lying on his face. He had shot himself through the left breast. He wore a belt round his body containing fifty rounds of ammunition. He had a bottle of strychnine in his pocket, undoubtedly intending to use it when his ammunition was exhausted.

CLAIMS OF NEW-YORK COUNTY REJECTED. Albahy, N. Y., May 29 .- The State Controller, Mr. Wemple, has rejected the claims of New-York County for \$60,950 50 incurred for certain expenses by the District-Attorney in prosecuting criminal charges against various persons. Mr. Wemple says that the claims as presented cannot be allowed or paid by the State and that ultimately a large portion thereof must be disallowed as valid charges against the State. These are the items; Detective service, \$28,000; professional service, \$4.000; board and expenses of C. B. Waite, a witness, 2,500; stenographers fees, \$5,000; George P. Comstock, argument before the Court of Appeals, \$7,500.

ORGANIZED RELIGIOUS WORK FOR YOUNG MEN Grand Rapids, Mich., May 29 (Special).—The eighteenth annual conference of the general secretaries of the Young Men's Christian Association of the United States and British Colonies, opened to-night with about 200 in attendance. Representatives are here from nearly every State and Territory in the Union, Canada, Manitoba and Newfoundland. The meeting was called to order by Richard C. Morse, of New-York, secretary of the International Committee. Preliminaries were disposed of preparatory to earnest work to-morrow. Among the notable men present are R. R. McBurney, general secretary, of New-York, who has been engaged in the work twenty-five years;
E. D. Taggart, general secretary, of Pennsylvania;
C. L. Gates, general secretary, of Alabams, and W. F. Williams, of Georgia, all veterans in the work. The

RAIN, WIND AND HAIL.

WIDESPREAD DAMAGE TO THE CROPS.

LIGHTNING STROKE.

LIVES LOST IN THE RAGING FLOODS AND BY THE

Topeka, Kansas, May 29.-The eastern half of Kansas has had one of the heaviest rains known for years. The storm began on Saturday night, continuing until to-day. The rains were accomstorm. In many places the hail was of exceedingly large size and drifted to the depth of three feet. Small grains in some places were driven into the soft ground almost out of sight. Considerable damage was done to corn. The loss in window glass will be great. The storm was the severest in Cloud and Clay counties, where it was about ten miles in width. It came from the West, and was accompanied by terrific wind, continuing about thirty minutes. At its close the ground was covered with hail-stones, from one half to one inch in diameter, to a uniform depth of two inches, forming a compact coating of ice in every di-The ice was nearly a foot in depth against buildings. The hail fell with great force, tearing off shingles, starting the blood all over cattle and driving the horses against barbed wire

Des Moines, Iowa, May 29 .- The storm of Sunday night and yesterday morning in South Des Moines, Schastopol and Bloomfield townships was The fall of bail was terrific and the rain descended in torrents. The hailstones were piled and drifted in many places from two to four feet deep in the morning. The damage to gardens, fruit trees and vegetation generally is incalculable. Windows were broken, vegetables beaten into the ground and fruit and forest trees stripped of their foliage. 'Only two houses in Sebastopol were left with their windows unbroken. Reports from the astern part of the State indicate that the storm

was equally severe there. Sioux City, Iowa, May 29.-The Missouri River has begun its ravages here again and since yesterday morning has cut 150 feet into the shore on th Nebraska side directly opposite this city. The cutting was so mpid that buildings could not be moved. If the cutting keeps up at the same rate, the entire town of Covington will be swept away

Omaha, Neb., May 29 .- Two children, son and daughter of Hugh Beckett, who lives fourteen miles southeast of Beatrice, were drowned on Sunday. Mrs. Beckett and four children were at home alone when the rain came up. The house stands near a stream in which the water rose rapidly. Fearing that the house would be washed away, Mrs. Beckett, taking two children, age four and five years, and bidding an eighteen-year-old daughter to follow with the baby, left the house. In crossing a gully the mother became frightened and fell, losing hold of the children, who were swept away into the stream below, where they met their death. The other daughter and baby, after a severe struggle with the torrent, reached the shore and were saved.

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Cadiz Junction, Ohio. May 29.—A terrible wind storm swept over Cadiz early last night. The Presbyterian Church was rocked to its foundation. The spire was swept off its abutments and hurled into the street below. The point of the spire entered the law offices of Stuart Shotwell, diagonally opposite, and crashed through them. Mr. Shotwell narrowly escaped death. Part of the roof of the church was blown off. The United Presbyterian Church had a part of its front walls blown down. The tin roof of the Odd Fellows' building was wrapped up as a scroll and torn asunder. A great number of private dwellings were seriously damaged by having the roofs broken by falling brick. Pittsburg, May 29.—The storm which swept over Eastern Ohio, West Virginia and Western Pennsylvania resterday afternoon was destructive. About Point Pleasant and Huntington, W. Va.; at Canton, Ohio; in Beaver County, Penn., and through the oil regions the storm was particularly severe, the hall falling heavily, while the wind was violent.

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lent. Near Ravenswood, W. Va., Mr. and Mrs. William Powell were killed by lightning while sitting in their home. At Charleston, W. Va., Mrs. Robert Shandon was killed by a falling tree. At Bridge port, Ohio, a son, age six, of Joseph Powell, was caught by a rush of water in a narrow ravine and

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At Canton, Ohio, houses were lifted from their foundations and the steeples of several churches were wreeked. The south wing of the new Hampden Watch Works, 200 feet in length and three stories high, was blown down, and the Dueber Watch Case Works were damaged. A workman named Miller was probably fatally hurt, and Joseph Myers, another employe, was seriously injured. The loss is estimated at \$70,000.

At Oil City the roof of the Arlington Hotel was blown off and the guests cushed from the building panie-stricken. Titusville also suffered severely. Frank Burchfield, of Pleasantville, crossing Pine Creek bridge in a buggy was blown over into the water. The vehicle was reduced to splinters and the horse lifted bodily and carried 100 yards away. Burchfield was badly hurt.

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New-Orieans, May 29 (Special).—At Milneburg, a resort on Lake Ponchartrain, within a few miles of this city, one man was killed by lightning and ten others injured, one of them, it is feared, mortally. They had taken refuge from the rain in a tent.

DID THE LIGHTNING KILL HIM? James O'Brien, age thirty-seven, a laborer, who lived in Seventeenth-st., between Grove and Erie sts., Jersey City, was hurrying home yesterday evening during the storm and had almost reached his own door when there was a vivid flash of lightning folio by a terrific thunderclap and O'Brien dropped to the sidewalk. Some men ran to pick him up, but found that he was dead. It was thought that the lightning killed him, but no marks could be discovered on the body or clothing. County Physician Converse will investigate the case.

SERIOUS GASOLENE EXPLOSION.

STORE WRECKED, A BOY KILLED, AND SEVENTY-FIVE PEOPLE MORE OR LESS BADLY BURT.

Frederick, Md., May 20.—The large retail grocery store of Charles E. Zellers was destroyed, Charles Poole, a lad of about ten, was killed, and over seventy-five men, white and colored, were injured, by a gasolene explosion here last night. Zellers had sent a young ad to draw some gasolene from a barrel in the cellar The boy accidentally ignited some of the gasolene with his lantern. He immediately rushed from the cellar, and an alarm of fire was given. The first stream had hardly been thrown on the fire before a low, rumbling sound was heard, followed by an explosion. wall of the warehouse, fronting on Sixth-st., was blown over into the street, the roof was thrown into the yard, and the entire lower front of the building, consisting of heavy plate glass doors and windows, was smashed into pieces and huried across Market-st. into the midst of a crowd of firemen and spectators. Many who had entered the building to fight the flames emerged from the ruins, cut, bruised, and with broken As soon as possible, the work of rescuing the injured and dying was begun. The houses of those residing in the neighborhood were thrown open to the unfortunate. The building is valued at ab to the unfortunate. The building is valued at about \$6,000, and the stock in the store at about \$6,000. Building and stock are partially insured. All the injured are resting quietly to-day, although those most seriously burt suffer much pain at times from their burns, as well as from the cuts inflicted by broken glass and bricks. No bodies were found to-day.

A GOVERNMENT HONOR FOR DESIGNER BURGESS Washington, May 29.-Secretary Fairchild has appointed Capta'n Edward Burgess, of Boston, to be president of the Board on Life Saving Appliances to succeed the late Captain R. Baby. Captain Burgess is well known as the designer of the champion racing yachts Pur tan and Mayflower. He has accepted the office.

COOPER & HEWITT'S IRON WORKS SHUT DOWN

PRICE THREE CENTS. MR. HEWITT BEFORE A JURY.

HAVING A TILT WITH THE CORONER.

HE REFUSES TO ANSWER SOME OF THE QUES-TIONS REGARDING THE WIRES AND POLES. Coroner Levy and his jury had another innings with the electric light wires and poles yesterday, afternoon. The proceedings were held in the City Court Room of the City Hall, which has an air of ignity that is entirely lacking from the stuffy little room where Coroner's inquests are usually held. General Newton, Commissioner of Public Works; Commissioner Daniel L. Gibbens, of the Board of Electrical Control, and Mayor Hewitt furnished the testimony. The two former found it all plain sailing. Mayor Hewitt and Coroner Levy. indulged in some sparring, but it was brief. The little Coroner was floored in no time and didn't attempt to renew the combat, which, indeed, was not the Commissioner of Public Works to remove the electric-light poles and wires. It seemed to satisfy.

NO MONEY TO REMOVE THE POLES.

General Newton said that he had received a letter from the Mayor asking him if he had money. available for the purpose of removing electric-lighs poles and wires. He replied that he had none, as no appropriation had been made for such purooses, and he didn't feel justified in expend noney that had been appropriated for other sy objects.

the jurymen, for they had no questions to ask the

Commissioner Gibbens, once started, needed no juestions to keep him going. He gave a detaile history of the Board of Electrical Control, its or-ganization, rules and regulations, its work and the various obstacles that it had had to contend with. Mr. Gibbens observed incidentally in the course

of his narrative, that " owing to the kindness of a friend" he wasn't dependent on any public office for a living, but was actuated by a sincere desire to benefit the community.

"But you draw \$5,000 a year for it all the same," observed the Mayor in an undertone which escaped the official stenographer.

Juror Leo wanted to know why the Commis hadn't made some stir to secure an appropriation for putting the wires underground. Mr. Gibbens replied that that wasn't the business of the Com-

THE MAYOR CALLED TO THE STAND. Mayor Hewitt was then summoned to the witness stand and interest in the proceedings increased. The oath was administered to him again, because the Coroner could not recall how he had adminisered it the first time. Mayor Hewitt affirmed.

"Upon whom devolves the duty," asked the Coroner, " under the law, of ordering the removal of the electric wires and poles in this city?" "That's a question for a lawyer," replied Mayor Hewitt, sharply. "The duty is imposed by law and the Coroner can consult the statutes and make up his ewn mind about it."

Coroner Lovy (with asperity)-I should like to have a ore direct answer.

Mayor Hewitt—You asked me to construe the law.

Mayor Hewitt-I am here as a witness to give testimony. You ask me to inform you whose duty it is to remove the poles and wires in the streets. That duty is imposed by law. The statute is open for you to consult. I
am not here to construe the law. I want to say frankly
(addressing the jury) that I have been accused of trying to
such the Coroner and such the jury. I have no such de-Corones Levy-I didn't.

sire. I will answer any questions upon which I have knowledge without raising the question of knowledge. CHANGING THE LINE OF INQUIRY. Coroner Levy-Upon whom devolves the duty of executing the law that requires the removal of electric-light

wires and poles?

Mayor Hewitt (with sarcasm)—Will you kindly turn to
that portion of the statute that Mr. Gibbens recited and coad it to the jury.

Coroner Levy-As I understand the law that duty do-

volves upon you, Mr. Mayor. Mayor Hewitt-I don't so understand it. The language of the law says it shall be the duty of the Commiss

Mayor Hewitt-Not by my order, but upon my written order. But no duty is imposed upon me, either to remove the poles or wires or give the order.

Coroner Levy (surprised)—You say the duty does not have been more than the order.

devolve upon you to give the order?

Mayor Hewitz-Certainly not. I am so advised by the Corporation Counsel. I have acted from beginning to end in this business with his advice.

ANNOYED BY A PROMPTER. In this pleasant style things went on for s little while. The Mayor observed Assistant District-Attorney Hartman prompting the Coroner, whereupon the Mayor wanted to know who was examining him-it Mr. Hartman, he would prefer that Mr. Hartman should do it direct and not through the Coroner. The Coroner said the questions were his own, and Mr. Hartman drew oft a few feet. After some sharp questions and answers, the Coroner asked the Mayor why he had not given a written order for the removal of the poles and wires.

Mayor Mewitt (tartly)-Because it was none of my bus Mayor Hewite (atta). Decause there is any pro-priety in the question, but because the Mayor's motives and actions are not reviewable by the Coroner. Coroner Levy (resentfully)—I don't think that you have any right to come here and criticise the methods of the

Any right to come here and critical and the Coroner, who is trying to do his duy.

Mayor Hewitt-The Coroner criticised the action of the Mayor the other day.

Did he not say that the conducts of the Mayor was very representable. Coroner Levy (confused)—But that was not in

Mayor Hewitt-Well, then, you criticised me, and thought a cat might venture to look at a king.

ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE JURY. The jury and spectators laughed. The Mayor had wen the bout. The Coroner's stock of repartee was not equal to the emergency. The

Mayor then addressed himself to the jury. He said: The request made by the Board of Electrical Control was submitted to the Mayor. The statutes provide that it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Public Works It shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Public Works to remove the poles and wirea upon the written order of the Mayor. Plainly it imposed upon the Mayor the duty of considering whether he should give such an order or ont. The duty was mandatory upon the Commissionea of Public Works. It was not mandatory upon the Mayor. The Mayor must look over the whole field, for he has many interests that concern the city to look after. Above all, he has to consider whether, if he gives the order, it can be avenued whether there were any means available.

can be executed, whether there were any means available for the execution of the order. Nothing can be more in-jurious to the public service than for the executive to-give orders that cannot be carried out. The Commissioner of Public Works informed me that he had no money available for the purposes. His unexpended balances were required for purposes that had been specified at the time the appropriations had been made. His answer was communicated promptly to the Board of Electrical Control. If he had informed me that he had the means to execute the order I should then have had to take a wider view of the subject.

The Mayer then referred in detail to other difficulties that stood in the way of the execution of such an order.

No sane man would attempt to remove wires through which death-dealing currents were passing. An invasion of the stations to stop the currents would be "promptly and properly resisted." A summary removal of wires and poles would leave a large number of busy streets in darkness. More deaths and accidents would result from that than the statement of the control of the statement of More deaths and accusents would result from that that had ever been caused by the overhead wires. The public wouldn't stand it. The Corporation Counsel had informed him that until such a system had been adopted the Subway Commission was without authority to enforce the building of subways or compel the putting of wires into the conduite. The next hearing will be on Friday.

A MERCHANT FINED FOR PETTY LARCENY. Bernard Faber, who has a fancy-goods store at Nos., 790 and 801 Broadway, Brooklyn, was convicted yesterday before Recorder Smyth of poits lareeny. He was a customer of Charles F. Hubbe, a wholesale paper dealer at No. 30 Beekman-st., and tempted the porter who delivered goods to give him a larger quantity than he actually bought. Faber had always borne a good reputation, and Recorder Smyth inflicted only a fine of \$230, which was promptly paid.

SALE OF THE CRANSTON PRINT WORKS. Providence, R. I., May 29.—The Cranston Print Works were sold this afternoon to John P. Campbell and others for \$25, subject to two mortgages and other incumbrances amounting to \$220,006.

THE PHILADELPHIA SHIP QUARANTINE. Philadelphia, May 29 (Special).—All vessels en route to this port will be quarantined on and after June 1, for inspection before coming up to the city.